



COME TO THE TABLE

Part 2 - The Lord's Supper as Proclamation of Jesus as Savior (May 1, 2022)

BIG PICTURE

E. Wayne Stahl – “The h_____ r_____ in our Christian religion we call the ‘Lord’s Supper.’”

A.B. Simpson – “bringing His own personal p_____ in living communion with us and l_____ fellowship with one another.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-32

¹⁷ Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it.

-divisions (v.18) - σχίσμα –

-1 Corinthians 1:10-13 - ¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁹ Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. ²¹ For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²² What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

-Francis Chan – communion is k_____ to understanding our u_____

-Winfield Bevins – “At the table of the Lord, our d_____ no longer d_____ us.”

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord.

-unworthy - ἀναξίως – c _____

-answerable - ἔνοχος – have a g _____ a _____

²⁸ Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

-examine - δοκιμάζω – put to the t _____, prove to be g _____

-Robert Willoughby – “This was not a table for w _____ people, but for r _____ sinners saved by grace.”

-Andrew Murray – “eating and drinking in an unworthy manner is not quite the same as an unworthy p _____ eating and drinking...your sin is the very reason why you n _____ to c _____ to His table in the first place.”

-A.B. Simpson – “It is a failure to u _____ and enter into the deep spiritual m _____ of this holy ordinance, or spiritual a _____ and indifference. We are to engage in this service with mind and heart intent upon its great central o _____, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.”

²⁹ For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

-discerning - διακρίνω – d _____

-A.B. Simpson – “We are to discern the Lord’s body in the ordinance; and that does not mean m _____ His personal body, but His m _____ body, the Church, which is one in Him. It is therefore a sin against the Head, and an a _____ of this symbolical ordinance, to come to the table with divisions, s _____, or alienations.”

-Tyrone Flannigan – “I feel, however, that we often miss a great o _____ for blessing by not realizing that the Lord’s Supper should be a time for us corporately to seek to h _____ the d _____ and enmities that may have sprung up in the Body.”

-Henri Nouwen – “C _____ creates c _____”

³⁰ For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

-**Rev. H. De Vries** (1888) – “the apostle lays down the principle that if the Lord’s Supper be partaken of unworthily the effect may be, if God bring down the judgment, physical weakness, sickness, yea, even death. No doubt as chastisements to s_____ the soul. But the unworthy eating and drinking has in this case a physical effect. May not and must not the worthy partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ also have a physical effect _____ if received by faith? Is it not a communion with the Body and Blood of the Lord? The Crucified, but now r_____ and glorified Resurrection Body of Christ? Oh, let us by faith grasp the truth; we place ourselves at the Lord’s table actually in the attitude of communion with the Body, with the risen Lord Himself.”

JESUS AS SAVIOR

-**A.B. Simpson** (1913) – Lord’s Supper = “sacred symbol of r_____”

-**W. Robert Willoughby** – “This is not just ordinary eating bread and drinking wine, but a p_____ of elements that have immense spiritual s_____. They symbolize the broken and shed blood of Him whose death on the cross established a new c_____ between God and His people... The actual reception of these elements in faith signifies both a r_____ of the saving gift of the gospel and a partaking of the saving life of Christ.”

-**Andrew Wilson** – “If you want to be g_____ -centered, be T_____ -centered.”

-**Tim Chester** – “The Supper is one of the God-given means through which we h_____ the gospel.”

-**Millard Erickson** – “The act of taking the bread and the cup is a d_____ of the gospel.”

-**William Barclay** – “The c_____ of Christianity is what Jesus did. The Lord’s Supper in its dramatic p_____ states that just as it is.”

-**Chris Berndt** – “one thing I noticed is that the centrality of Christ was not g_____ in every single w_____ s_____.”

-**Chris Green** – “The Lord’s Supper, when rightly celebrated, o_____ our eyes to Jesus, and through and in seeing him rightly we find the Scriptures o_____ and ourselves i_____ for churchly worship and m_____.”